

**PROCLAMATION
OF THE
SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PROCLAIMING APRIL 24, 2024 AS
DENIM DAY
IN SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, the month of April is national Sexual Assault Awareness Month calling attention to the fact that sexual assault and harassment is widespread and harms our community; and

WHEREAS, the shocking reality is that 1-in-4 women, and 1-in-26 men, will be sexually assaulted during their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, the Denim Day movement started in 1999 as a grass-roots protest against an absurd controversial Italian Supreme Court decision, in which a sexual assault conviction was overturned because the victim was wearing tight jeans at the time of her attack; and

WHEREAS, Denim Day is the longest running sexual violence prevention and education campaign in history which seeks to rid the world of erroneous and destructive attitudes about sexual assault and bring about real justice and support for survivors

WHEREAS, Denim Day encourages everyone to make a social statement by wearing jeans on this day as a visible means of protest against the misconceptions that surround sexual violence, and to speak up when they hear comments that blame victims or make light of sexual harassment or assault; and

WHEREAS, together when we can change how people think and talk about this kind of violence, and create a culture of respect, equality and safety for our entire community; and

WHEREAS, Seminole County Government strongly supports the Victims Service Center of Central Florida and their efforts to prevent the traumatizing effects of sexual violence and help heal those that have been impacted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida, proclaim the April 24, 2024 as

“Denim Day”

in Seminole County, Florida.

ADOPTED this 9th day of April, 2024



**Jay Zembower, Chairman
Seminole County, Board of County Commissioners**